



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Lucky – 5 Ranch Public Use Improvements – Day Use Only

**LOCATION:** Anza-Borrego State Park

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project will develop non-permanent trail head parking and amenities on a ½ acre of previously disturbed land along Sunrise Highway (S-1) on the northern parcel of the Lucky-5 Ranch addition to Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The improvements include: an 18,000 square foot day-use parking area with two ADA-compliant spaces; a double vault toilet; solar powered pump at existing windmill and conveyance to existing horse watering trough; low perimeter fencing; trailhead interpretive/regulatory signage; and an approximately ¼ mile trail connector. The installation of the vault toilet will require excavating a 15' x 14' area to a depth of 6'.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Southern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption  
Class: 3 and 4 Section(s): 15303 and 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.

An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.

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